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EMPLOYMENT

- Assistant Professor**, [Department of Economics](#), Illinois State University: August 2016 - Present
- Affiliated Faculty**, [Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development](#), Illinois State University:
August 2016 - Present
- Intern**, Research Department, International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C, June-September 2015
- Short Term Consultant**, The World Bank, Washington D.C, May-June 2012
- Intern**, Project Governance Office, Aegon Asset Management, Cedar Rapids, IA, 2010-2011

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Economics**, Tulane University: May 2016
- B.A. Economics and Mathematics**, Coe College: May 2011

RESEARCH

Research Interests

Tax compliance, business taxation, public finance in developing countries, sin taxes, decentralization reforms, tax reforms, and structural reforms.

Publications

1. “[Using a Natural Experiment in the Taxicab Industry to Analyze the Effects of Third-Party Income Reporting](#).” (Lead Author, with James Alm, Brett Collins, Michael Sebastiani, and Eleanor Wilking), 2022, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 193: 312-333.
2. “[Small Business Tax Compliance under Third-Party Reporting](#).” (with James Alm and Timothy F. Harris), 2021, *Journal of Public Economics*, 203:104514.
3. “[A Guide to Using the Synthetic Control Method to Quantify the Effects of Shocks, Policies, and Shocking Policies](#).” 2021, *The American Economist*.
4. “[Decentralization and Regional Convergence: Evidence from Night-time Lights Data](#).” (with Saroj Dhital), 2021, *Economic Inquiry*, 59(3):1066-1088.
5. “[Information Reporting and Tax Compliance](#).” (with James Alm and Timothy F. Harris), 2020, *AEA Papers & Proceedings*, 110:1-6.
6. “[Does a Value-Added Tax Increase Economic Efficiency?](#)” 2020, *Economic Inquiry*, 58(1): 496-517.
7. “[Can Reform Waves Turn the Tide? Some Case Studies Using the Synthetic Control Method](#).” (with Romain Duval, Bingjie Hu, and Prakash Loungani), 2018, *Open Economies Review*, 29(4):879-910.
8. “[Evaluating the Economic Effects of Flat Tax Reforms Using Synthetic Control Methods](#).” (with James Alm), 2016, *Southern Economic Journal*, 83(2):437-463.

Other Publications

1. “[The Role of Tax Exemptions, Deductions, and Credits.](#)” (with James Alm), 2018, in *Exploring Long-term Solutions for Louisiana’s Tax System*, Editors: James Richardson, Steven Sheffrin, and James Alm, Louisiana State University Press.
2. “[Taxpayer Responses to Third-Party Income Reporting: Preliminary Evidence from a Natural Experiment in the Taxicab Industry.](#)” (with James Alm, Brett Collins, Michael Sebastiani, and Eleanor Wilking), 2017, in *IRS Research Bulletin*, Editor: Alan Plumley, Washington, D.C.
3. “[Internal Revenue Services and the American Middle Class.](#)” (with James Alm), 2017, in *The American Middle Class: An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty*, Editor: Robert Rycroft, ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press.
4. “[Did Latvia’s Flat Tax Reform Improve Growth?](#)” (with James Alm), 2013, *Proceedings of the Annual Conference on Taxation*, National Tax Association, 106:1-9.

Working Papers

1. “Corporate Taxpayer Responses to Size-Based Enforcement and Disclosure Thresholds” (with Jason DeBacker and Erin Towery), *Under IRS Disclosure Review*.
2. “The Largest Sin Taxes Have Smaller than Average Pass-Through”.

Work in Progress

1. “Do State and Local Employees Save More Privately when Their Pension Benefits are Cut? (with Timothy F. Harris)”
2. “The Long-term Impact of Nudges on Retirement Savings (with Timothy F. Harris)”
3. “The Causes and Consequences of Participation in Voluntary Tax Disclosure: Evidence from South African Tax Data” (with Saroj Dhital)
4. “The Impact of Tariffs on Prices, Trade, and Welfare: Evidence from South African Customs and Tax Data” (with Saroj Dhital)
5. “The Economic and Behavioral Effects of a Value-Added Tax: Firm-level Evidence from France”
6. “Estimating the Impacts of Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Using the Local Labor Market Approach” (with Rebecca Kpentey*)

*Note: Student co-authors are marked with an **

GRANTS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS

External

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| 2021, \$5,000 | Summer Faculty Research Grant, Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise (ISFE), University of Kentucky |
| 2020, \$15,000 | United Nations University, Southern Africa - Towards Inclusive Economic Development Grant (with Saroj Dhital) |
| 2019 | Internal Revenue Services 2018 Joint Statistical Research Program |
| 2018, \$3,500 | Undergraduate Women in Economics Award, National Bureau of Economic Research (with Dimitrios Nikolaou) |
| 2017 | Internal Revenue Services 2016 Joint Statistical Research Program |
| 2017, \$1,000 | The Irving Fisher Article Award, Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honors Society for Economics |

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| 2015 | Internal Revenue Services 2014 Joint Statistical Research Program |
| 2015, \$13,455 | Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation |
| 2015, \$7,500 | Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy |
| 2010 | Inducted to Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honors Society for Economics |
| <i>Internal</i> | |
| 2019 | James V. Koch - Economic Advisory Board Faculty Development Award, Illinois State University |
| 2019 | Pre-Tenure Faculty Initiative Grant, Illinois State University |
| 2017 | New Faculty Initiative Grant, Illinois State University |
| 2016 | New Faculty Startup Support Program, Illinois State University |
| 2015 | Summer Merit Fellowship, School of Liberal Arts, Tulane University |
| 2014 | Murphy Research Fund Mini-Grant, The Murphy Institute, Tulane University |
| 2011 - 2016 | Murphy Doctoral Fellowship, The Murphy Institute, Tulane University |
| 2011 | Dr. Ramakrishna and Janaki Vaitheswaran Award for Academic and All-Round Accomplishment, Economics and Business Administration, Coe College |
| 2011 | LaVerne Marie Tucker Best Thesis Award, Economics and Business Administration, Coe College |
| 2011 | Spellman Optimum Optimorum Economics Award, Economics and Business Administration, Coe College |
| 2009 & 2010 | Spellman Summer Research Fellowship, Coe College |
| 2007 - 2011 | Coe College Endowed Scholarship, Coe College |

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Conference Presentations

- American Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022* (Scheduled)
- Applied Research in Public Finance, Indiana University: 2017
- Internal Revenue Services-Tax Policy Center Joint Research Conference on Tax Administration: 2016, 2018
- Midwest Economics Association Annual Meetings: 2018
- National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation: 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021**
- Online Public Finance Seminar: 2022** (Scheduled)
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2014, 2015, 2020**, 2021**
- Shadow Conference: The Shadow Economy, Tax Behaviour and Institutions: 2021**
- Western Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2021**

Invited Seminar Presentations

- OECD, Measuring the Shadow Economy in Israel using Tax Return Data Webinar: 2022** (Scheduled)
- University of Exeter- Tax Administration Research Centre: 2022** (Scheduled)
- U.S. Department of Treasury, Washington, D.C.: 2021
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL: 2019
- U.S. Department of Treasury, Washington, D.C.: 2019
- Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL: 2017
- Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA: 2017
- Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C: 2015
- Research Department, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C: 2015

*Note: Poster presentations are marked with an * and online events are marked with an ***

COURSES TAUGHT

Illinois State University

- ECO 438: Microeconometrics (M.A.): Spring 2021*, Spring 2022
- ECO 406: Local Economic Development (M.A.): Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021
- ECO 350: Public Finance: Spring 2022
- ECO 202: Current Economic Issues- Public Economics and Public Policy: Spring 2017, Spring 2018
- ECO 105: Principles of Economics: Fall 2016, Summer 2017*, Fall 2017, Summer 2018*, Fall 2018
- ECO 102: Principles of Macroeconomics: Summer 2019*, Summer 2020*, Summer 2021*
- ECO 101: Principles of Microeconomics: Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020*, Spring 2021*, Fall 2021

*Note: Courses that were taught fully online are marked with an **

Tulane University

- ECO 102: Principles of Macroeconomics: Spring 2015, Fall 2015

PEDAGOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSITY TRAININGS

- Equitable and Inclusive Student Interaction and Participation, Illinois State University, 2021
- Equitable and Inclusive Course Materials, Illinois State University, 2021
- The Safe Zone Project for Instructors, Illinois State University, 2021
- Design a Nimble Course for Blended and Online Teaching and Learning, Illinois State University, 2020
- Facilitating Courageous Conversations, Illinois State University, 2020
- Continuing Education on Machine Learning and Econometrics, American Economic Association, 2018
- Tips for a Better Teacher, Illinois State University, 2018
- Design, Align, Refine, and Teach Online Workshop, Illinois State University, 2017
- Motivate All Students Workshop, Illinois State University, 2017
- Graduate Instructor's Workshop, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning, Tulane University, 2013

DISSERTATION AND CAPSTONE SUPERVISIONS

Dissertation

- External Committee Member for Rajan Bishwakarma, University of New Mexico, “Acquired and Useful Abilities: Three Essays on Human Capital Development,” 2021 (Placement: Augustana College, Rock Island, IL)

Graduate Capstones

- Patrick Gyimah-Danso, “Impact of Flat Tax Reforms on Income Inequality: The Case of Slovak Republic,” 2021
- Rebecca Kpentey, “Estimating the Impacts of Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Using the Local Labor Market Approach,” 2020
- Augustine Anaman, “Economic Impact of Corporate Tax Introduction Using Synthetic Control Method,” 2020
- Jerome Sader, “The Natality Effect of State-Administered Earned Income Tax Credits,” 2019

Undergraduate Honors Contracts and Independent Studies

- Robert Bradish, ECO 299, Fall 2021
- Kelsie Hammond, ECO 101, Spring 2021
- Trinity Allen, ECO 101, Spring 2021
- Teagen Smith, ECO 202, Spring 2018

SERVICE

Department, College, and University Service

- Coordinator, Applied Econometrics Workshop, 2020-Present
- Member, University Library Committee, 2020-Present
- Member, Parking Advisory Committee, 2020-Present
- Coordinator, Department of Economics Website, 2019-Present
- Adviser, Economics Student Association (ESA), 2017-Present
- Coordinator, Undergraduate Women in Economics (UWE), 2016-2020
- Member, Journal Ranking Committee, 2020-2021
- Member, Department Faculty Status Committee (DFSC), 2018-2020
- Member, College of Arts and Sciences Technology Advisory Committee, 2017-2019
- Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2016-2017

Referee Service

- Asia-Pacific Journal of Accounting and Economics, Contemporary Economic Policy, *Economia Politica*, Economic Brief: USDA Economic Research Service, Economic Development Quarterly, Economic Inquiry, Economic Modelling, Economic Systems, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Economic Integration, Journal of Economic Studies, Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy, National Tax Journal, Public Finance Review, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Socio-Economic Planning Sciences

Conference Service: Session Organizer

- American Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2020
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2021

Conference Service: Discussant or Chair

- American Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2014
- Midwest Economics Association Annual Meetings: 2018
- National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation: 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2014, 2020**, 2021
- Western Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2021**

*Note: Online events are marked with an ***

Other Services

- Founding Member and Vice-President- Himalayan Applied Economics and Policy Association (HAEPA): 2020-Present

SKILLS

Computer Proficient in Stata, L^AT_EX, Git, R, and MS Office

Working knowledge of C++, Python, OpenMP, Matlab, Mathematica, SAS, and VBA

Language Fluent in English and Nepali; intermediate in Bengali and Hindi